

Sea and Sage Audubon



Conservation Committee

'4th Tues.' Lecture

Tuesday, Sept 27 – 7:00 pm

by Zoom

Zoom Doors will open at 6:30

***“Puente-Chino Hills Christmas Bird Count: an
opportunity to study the bird life of Northern
Orange County”***

presented by Samuel Bressler

North Orange County boasts a diverse array of ecosystems, including coastal sage scrub, chaparral, grassland, oak-walnut riparian woodlands, freshwater wetlands, rivers and lakes, and urban parkland. This habitat diversity is reflected in the wide variety of threatened and unusual species found in the region, from the California Gnatcatchers and Cactus Wrens of West Coyote Hills to the Common Mergansers and Bald Eagles of the Santa Ana River. Yet avian status and trends of birds in northern Orange

County and adjacent parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties are poorly understood compared to other parts of the Los Angeles Metropolis.

Last year, a first step towards a more comprehensive understanding of



North Orange County avifauna was taken with the establishment of Sea and Sage's new Puente-Chino Hills Christmas Bird Count. So now, the data from this region – previously the only part of the county not covered by the CBC – will contribute to the CBC's massive database, while

also providing baseline information and trend lines in the community in response to threats such as climate change, drought, wildfire, and urbanization.

In this presentation, Sam will discuss the origin, establishment and operations of this circle; share findings from the pilot and first official counts; and pose questions about the birdlife in northern Orange County that we hope to answer as the count becomes an integrated part of Sea and Sage's ongoing bird survey program.

Please join us. Advance registration is required for this meeting. Click on the button below to register.

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Samuel Bressler, North OC Count leader, author of the *Tattler's* "Orange County Rarities" column.



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